

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ROLANDO JESSE DAZA-CORTEZ,  
Defendant-Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff-Respondent.

NO. C18-1608RAJ  
(CR15-269RAJ)

UNITED STATES' ANSWER TO  
AMENDED PETITION FILED  
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255  
("PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO  
GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE")

Exhibit 17

Email between Prior Counsel Emily Gause and AUSAs Andy Colasurdo and Sarah Vogel

March 7, 2017

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**From:** Vogel, Sarah (USAWAW) [<mailto:Sarah.Vogel@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017 1:16 PM  
**To:** [emily@emilygauselaw.com](mailto:emily@emilygauselaw.com); Colasurdo, Andy (USAWAW) <[Andy.Colasurdo@usdoj.gov](mailto:Andy.Colasurdo@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wolgamuth, Karen (USAWAW) <[Karen.Wolgamuth@usdoj.gov](mailto:Karen.Wolgamuth@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daza Cortez: Proposed Plea Agreement

Emily,

Your client explicitly rejected our final offer of an agreed range between 7 – 8.5 years. That offer is no longer available. We do not anticipate making any further offers, and as a general matter would be unlikely to consider something lower now than that.

At the same time, you are – and always have been - free to send us an offer of resolution for our consideration if you wish.

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